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LITTLE ROCK (AP) _ U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln says Congress won't let American soldiers in Iraq go without the supplies they need, despite President Bush drawing "a line in the sand" with his veto of a war-funding bill that included a timetable for withdrawal from the war.

Lincoln, D-Ark., told reporters on a conference call that 6\ years of Bush's presidency showed his compromise style was "his way or the highway."

"I'm extremely disappointed in the president's response to the supplemental that we sent him," Lincoln said. "It is just one more indication of the way that President Bush handles most everything he gets dealt with. It is with very little compromise, if any at all. It is mostly a line in the sand."

Tuesday night, Bush vetoed the \$124.2 billion war bill that called for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq by Oct. 1 with a goal of a complete pullout six months later. An attempt Wednesday to override the president's veto in the House failed.

Both Lincoln and U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., voted for the bill. On Wednesday, Pryor said planning a withdrawal from Iraq but keeping secret the details of those plans could be a compromise for the war-funding bill. Pryor has offered his idea about secret timeline in recent months.

Since the veto, Democrats have discussed reworking the funding bill to include benchmarks for the Iraqi government to meet, such as enacting legislation to share oil resources, holding provincial elections and spending \$10 billion of its own money on reconstruction.

Lincoln said she could support the idea of including benchmarks in a coming war-funding bill. However, she said that Iraqis have yet to respond to any of the benchmarks put before them by Bush in the past.

"The problem is we've been providing them benchmarks," she said. "The president himself has been giving the Iraqis benchmarks, without asking the Iraqis to give us a response in a certain amount of time of where they are on those benchmarks."